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## IN THE LETTER BOX.

### Who is to Blame?

Editor THE CHRONICLE:

citizens of East Paris Street why especially in a meeting of farmers. so little attention is given this street? For more than six months Thomas and their friends resent neither the street or sidewalk has received any attention whatever.

This is one of the most public thoroughfares of our town, and it is receiving less attention, possibly, than any street in Camden. Mud holes abound, planks in the walkway are broken, lose and missing, weeds are growing and almost lap across the walkway.

One may suggest that the citizens do some repairs. This is not the duty of the citizenship of the why the official notice of the comtown. The citizens of Camden are taxed, and pay the tax, and they have a right to expect that the in the Citizen last week and not in quarter." streets and sidewalks to be kept in The Chronicle? a respectable condition, and not by public charity.

to be kept up in this way, do away with taxation and dependant ogether action has been discussed among on public charity.

> Yours respectfully, A CITIZEN.

Camden, August 31.

## Playing Politics.

Editor THE CHRONICLE:

You gave a good report of the recent meeting of the Farmers' has been on file a few weeks, we | Pat-Sure, an' doz yer honor Institute here. It was a represen- plead ignorance of any action taktative gathering of the tillers of en by the lodge, and confess that the soil, who were seeking infor- we were not present in any of the mation, but there was one feature meetings about that time. of the meeting you omitted.

The Farmers' Institute is supposed to be non-partisan-at least us Grand Master Watson's letter, that is the desire of Commissioner announcing his coming, with the Peck and his able assistant, Mr. suggestion that we could make use Deberry-and while not altogether of any part of it to give it publicity. unexpected, the attempt to play Later, on press day, Mr. McGlohn politics in the meeting has caused was in the office, and we showed wide-spread comment.

years that the farmers of Benton County were given an opportunity to have a voice in the organization signed notice, and suggested that of the institute, and they did so in short order. The vote for D. B. Thomas, representing fully threefourths of the farmers present, left no doubt, if doubt existed in any mind, as to their wishes.

Mr. Editor, is that the little play at politics failed of its purpose. The attempt to create discord in the ranks of the Republicans was understood as rapidly as the game unfolded.

Dowdy's friends. It was not a matter of choice of a presiding officer that Mr. Thomas received almost the entire vote of those present, but it was an emphatic Will the City Board inform the rebuke of those who play politics,

In the MARATHON you get all this,

Naturally Mr. Dowdy and Mr. the obvious purpose of the game. But, as stated before, it failed of purpose, as should all similar attempts in the future.

Yours truly, SUBSCRIBER. Camden, August 30,

An Explanation.

Editor THE CHRONICLE:

To settle a question, can you inform a Brother Odd Fellow just ing of Grand Master Charles A.

The writer was not present at the meeting when the question of If the streets and sidewalks are the coming of the grand master was before the lodge, and as its the brethren who had no part in it and as the above question has been asked, I refer it to you, the acting past grand.

Fraternally yours, ODD FELLOW. Camden, August 10.

Replying to the above, which your life.

The secretary of the lodge, Mr. M. G. McGlohn, kindly handed to him our brief mention of the com-It was the first time for several ing of Grand Master Watson.

He then informed us that the Citizen had been furnished with a we might add to it the names of the noble grand and the secretary. We had no objection to this, but after thinking it over we decided not to adopt the suggestion for the reason that if the Citizen had the But the point I am arriving at, official notice our write up would not be official nor would the two notices as published be identical.

"Odd Fellow" is mistaken when herefers to us as acting past grand. Mr. T. J. Lowry now has that distinction, we believe. We officiated Mr. Thomas' friends are Mr. in that capacity last year .- ED.

## Silas' Contribution.

[National Monthly.]

Mrs. Wiggins had "run in" for a minute to talk over the latest news of the village with her friend, Mrs. Hopkins.

"Do you know," she said, "they tell me that old Mr. Magee didn't subscribe but fifty cents to the minister's salary. That doesn't seem possible, does it?"

"To anybody that knows Silas Magee real well, it does," replied Mrs. Hopkins, "You haven't lived in this town all your life, Mis' Wiggins, and you don't know what Silas is capable of. Why, I remember, once when he was a young fellow, going to singing school with the rest of us, we got up a picnic,

"One of the girls spoke up and said she'd bring some chicken sandwiches.

"'I'll bring some frosted cake.' says another.

"I'll bring sliced ham,' says another.

"'I'll fetch some cookies and jelly,' says someone else, and so it went on until we had almost everything we could eat, promised.

"Then one of the boys who had no sister said he would bring the coffee. That gave Silas his chance. He'd been sitting by, listening to it all, and now he spoke up real brisk, and said he:

"'I'll bring the water for the

"No, Mis' Wiggins, I ain't surprised a mite at his subscribing only fifty cents. The only sur-Watson yesterday was published prising thing is that it wasn't a

## Pat's Wit.

[Selected.]

Pat being brought before the Recorder for the first time, the following conversation ensued:

Recorder-What is your name? Pat-Patrick Casey.

Recorder-What is your occupation?

Pat-OI'm a sailor.

Recorder—A sailor? I don't believe you were over on a ship in

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